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# INTRODUCTION

The Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division acknowledges the conscientious efforts of the field staff throughout the provincial park system. Without the efforts of the park staff to collect, record, process and report the data summarized here, a statistical report of this quality would not be possible.

The intent of this publication is to summarize pertinent information on attendance trends from 1975-1986 both in terms of total park visits and by campground and day/boating[1] components. Further, to provide insight regarding provincial trends by way of region and district analysis and park use comparisons highlighting 1981, 1981-85 mean and 1986.

Please note that for the purposes of graphic display, the majority of attendance totals noted have been rounded to the nearest one hundred thousand as required to balance to provincial attendance totals. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole percent. However, all calculations and plotting of data have been based on actual attendance figures. District, region and provincial attendance totals can be obtained from statistical tables contained in the Appendix.

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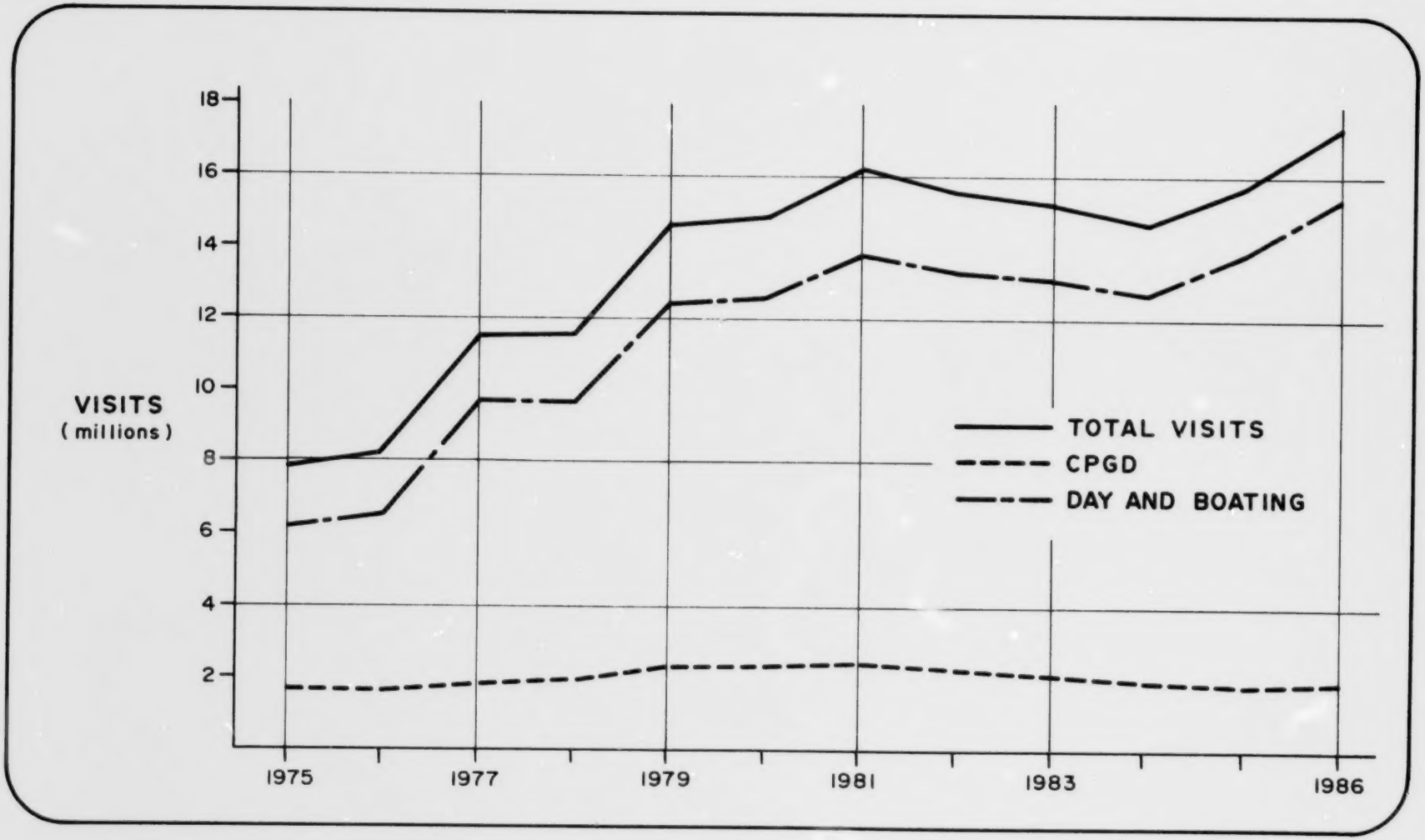
[1] For ease of data analysis of provincial park attendance trends, day use and boating use have been combined as the boating component represents only 2% of total provincial park use. These two components are addressed separately in Distribution of Park Visits by Attendance Type (p. 3) and in the sections titled Day Use Trends (pp. 14-16) and Boating Use Trends (pp. 17-19).

# PARK ATTENDANCE TRENDS

## PROVINCIAL PARK VISITS 1975 - 1986

B.C. provincial parks enjoyed a steady increase in total park visits from 1975-1981. Total visits increased an average of 18% per year from 7.9 million visits in 1975 to 16.2 million visits in 1981. Growth was experienced in both day/boating and campground visits. This seven year trend of positive growth was followed by 3 years of decline in park visits. Declines were in the order of approximately 3% per annum, and both campground and day/boating visits exhibited declines for varying periods. The years 1985 and 1986 saw a return to positive growth with an increase of 18% over two years. This increase resulted in 1986 having the highest provincial park attendance ever recorded -- 17.4 million park visits.

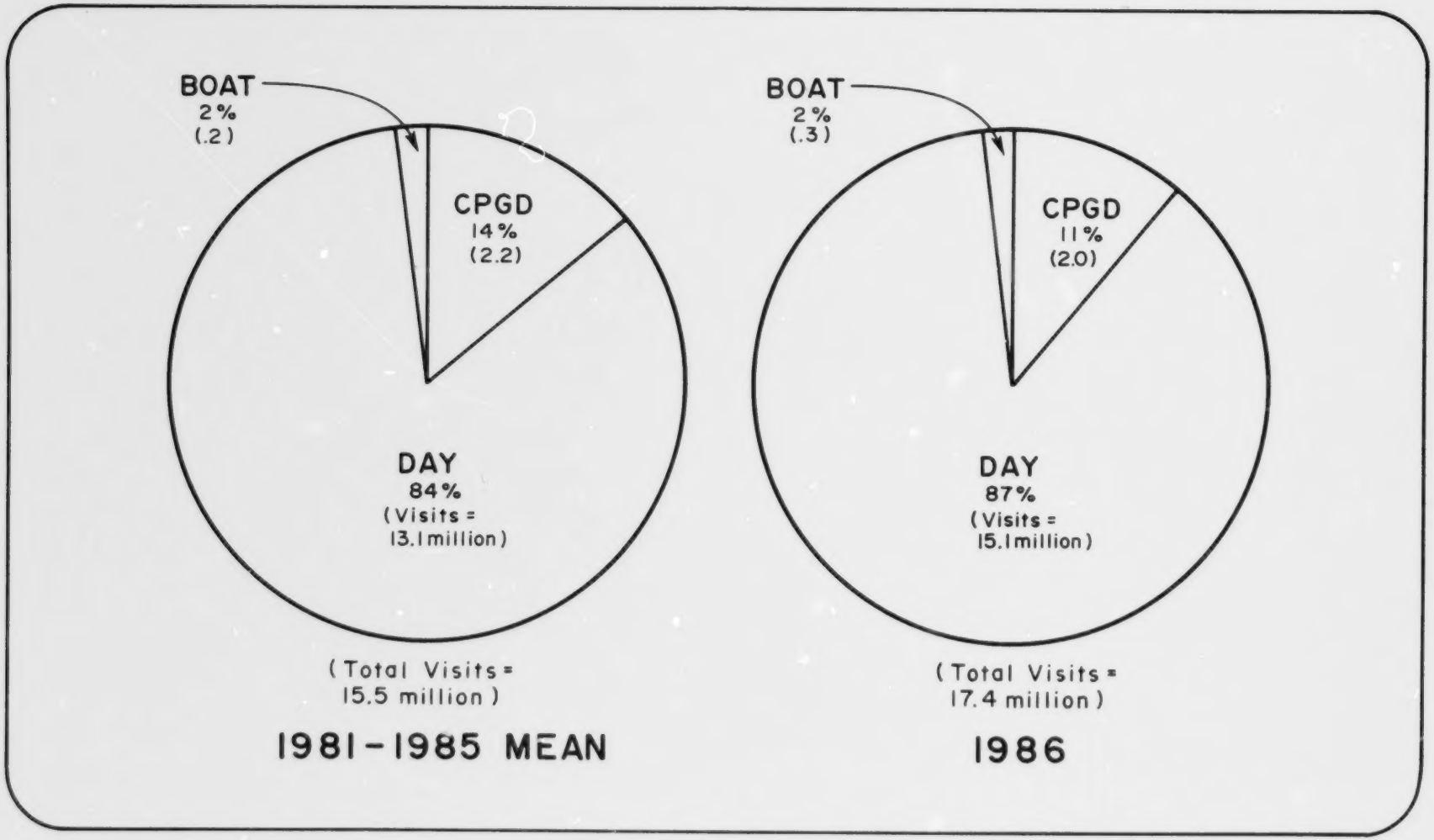
# PROVINCIAL PARK VISITS 1975-1986



## DISTRIBUTION OF PARK VISITS BY REGION AND ATTENDANCE TYPE

All regions have noted a decline in campground use when expressed as a percent of total provincial park visits (1981-85 mean and 1986). This decline has been replaced with a corresponding increase in the percent of total provincial park visits in the day/boating component in the South Coast (44-45%) and Southern Interior (27-30%) Regions. Northern B.C. Region experienced a 1% decline (15-14%) in its market share of provincial day/boating visits.

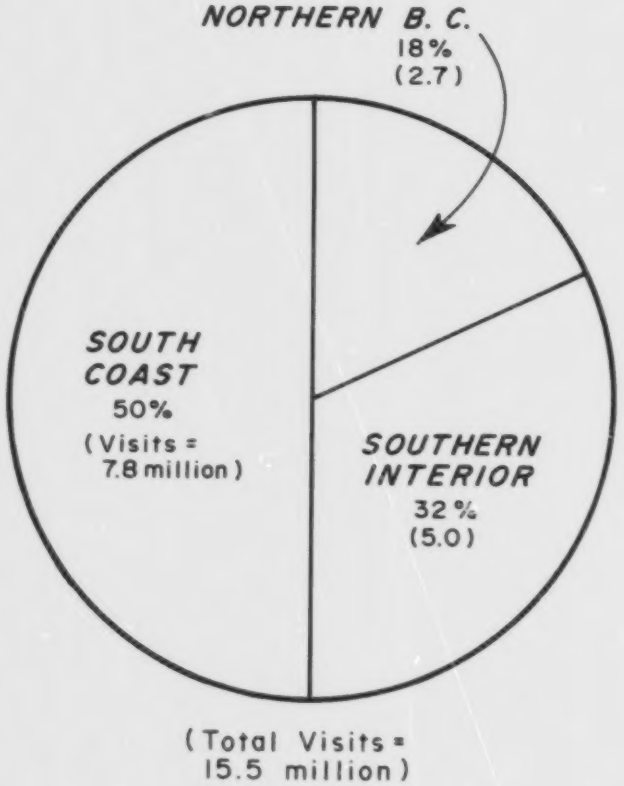
# DISTRIBUTION OF PARK VISITS BY ATTENDANCE TYPE



## DISTRIBUTION OF PARK VISITS BY REGION

The regional market share of provincial park visits has seen only a minor adjustment when comparing the 1981-85 mean and 1986. South Coast Region has maintained 50% of recorded provincial park use, whereas, Southern Interior Region has experienced a 2% increase (32-34%) and Northern B.C. Region a 2% decline (18-16%) in their respective market share.

# DISTRIBUTION OF PARK VISITS BY REGION

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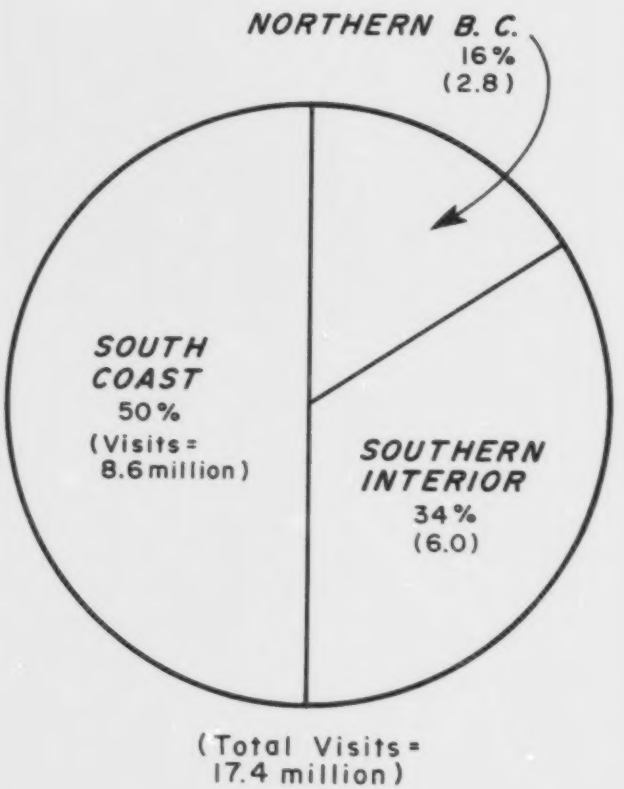
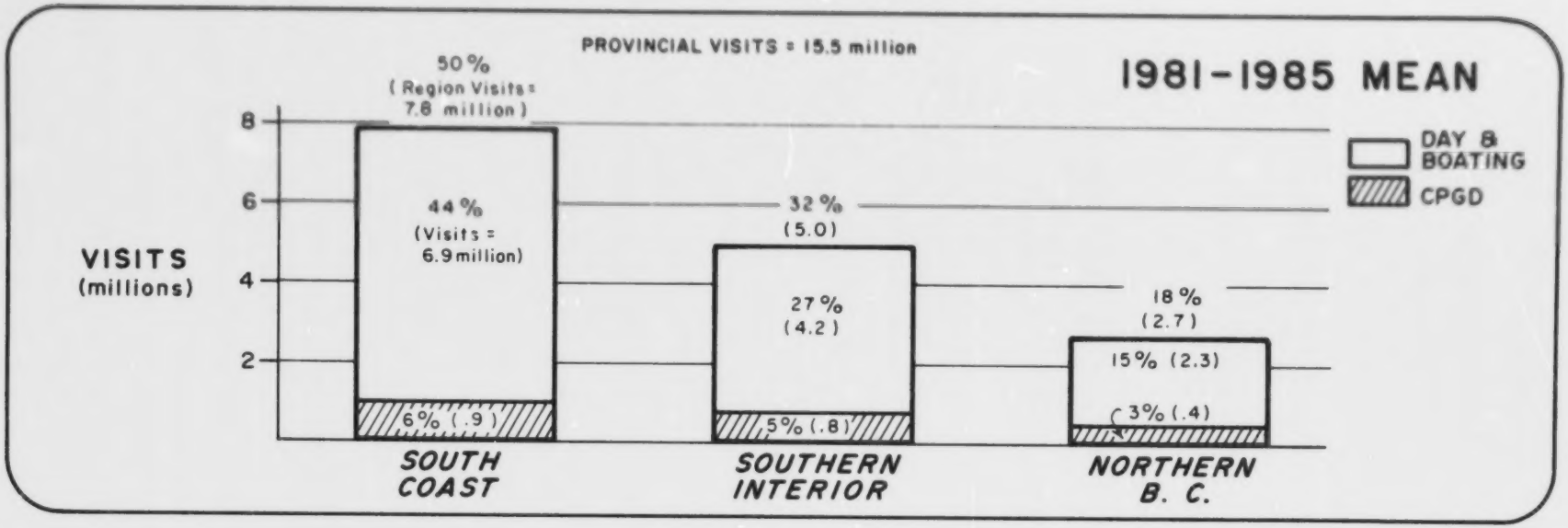


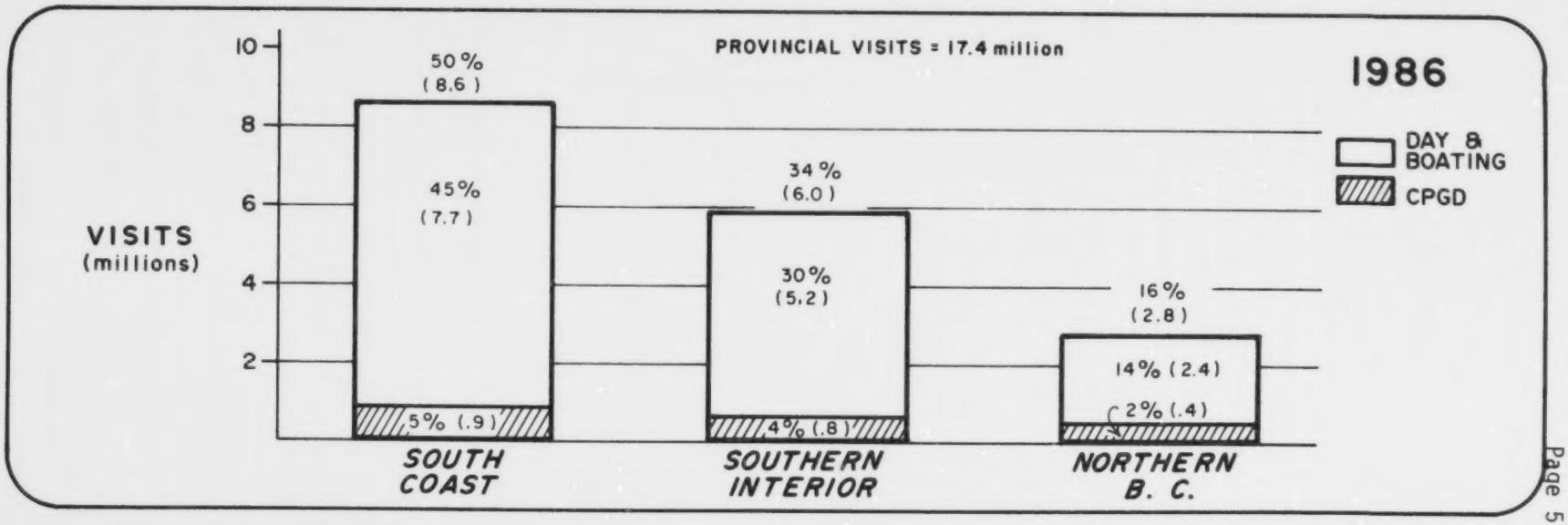

1986

## DISTRIBUTION OF PARK VISITS BY ATTENDANCE TYPE

The trend in total park visits is primarily influenced by day use as this attendance component has constituted 84-87% (1981-85 mean and 1986 respectively) of all visits to provincial parks. Campground use has declined from 14% (1981-85 mean) to 11% in 1986, and due to its relatively small percentage has had minimal affect on the overall trend of provincial park visits. The boating component has remained constant at 2% of total park visits.

# DISTRIBUTION OF PARK VISITS BY REGION AND ATTENDANCE TYPE



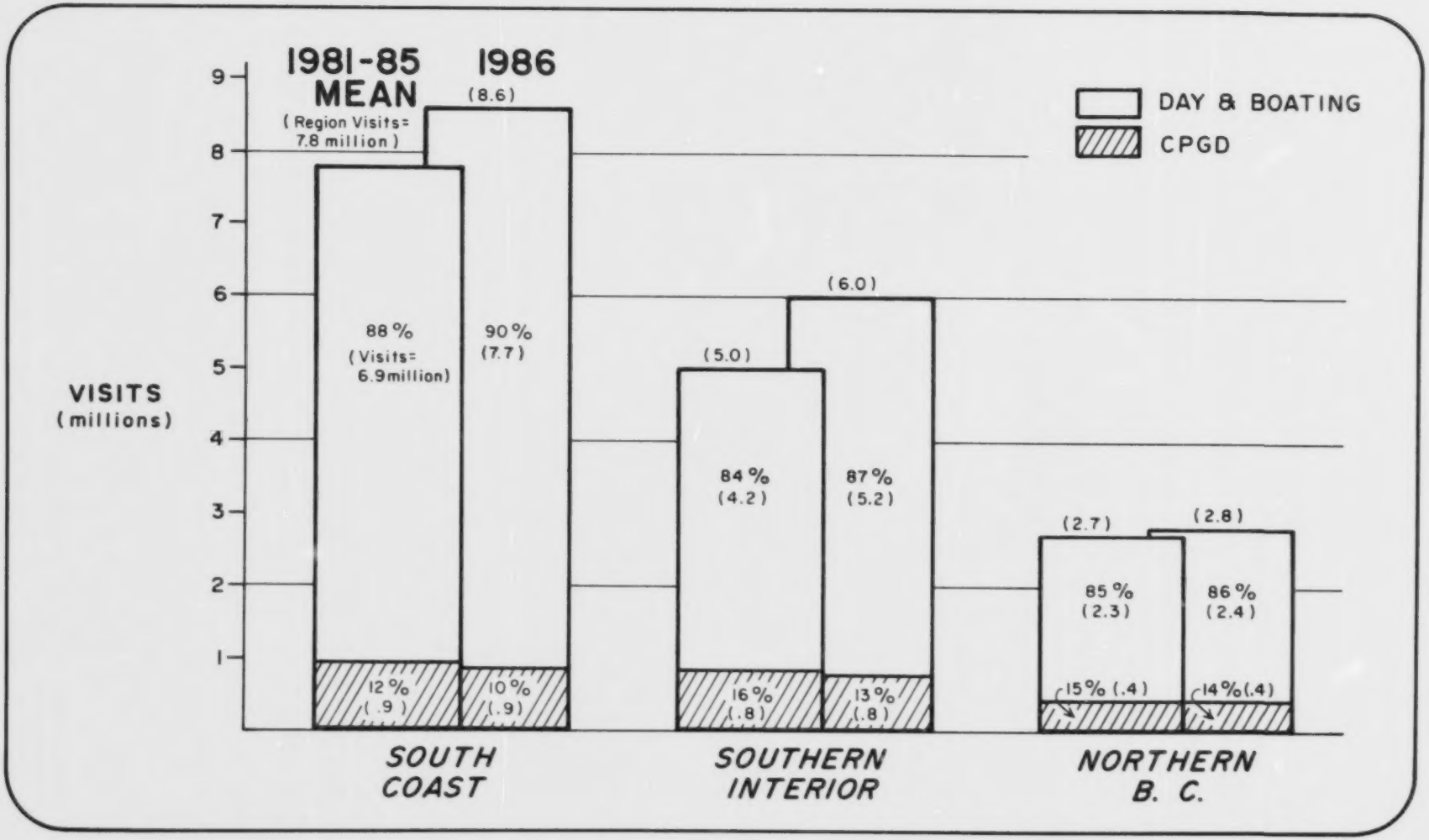



## DISTRIBUTION OF VISITS WITHIN REGIONS BY ATTENDANCE TYPE

All regions recorded an increase in total region visits for 1986 compared to the 1981-85 mean. The South Coast Region increased from 7.8 - 8.6 million visits; the Southern Interior Region 5.0 - 6.0 million visits and; the Northern B.C. Region 2.7 - 2.8 million visits. In all cases this increase reflects increased day/boating visits. Compared to other regions, the South Coast Region has the largest percent of regional visits comprised of day/boating visits for both the 1981-85 mean and 1986 periods.

Campground visits have remained relatively stable in all regions. (Please refer to statistical tables in the Appendix to determine actual numeric changes.) However, campground use expressed as a percent of total region visits has declined in all regions: South Coast Region 12-10%; Southern Interior Region 16-13%; Northern B.C. Region 15-14%. The Northern B.C. Region has recorded the smallest decrease in campground visits as a percent of region visits and in 1986 noted the largest proportion of total region visits in the campground component.

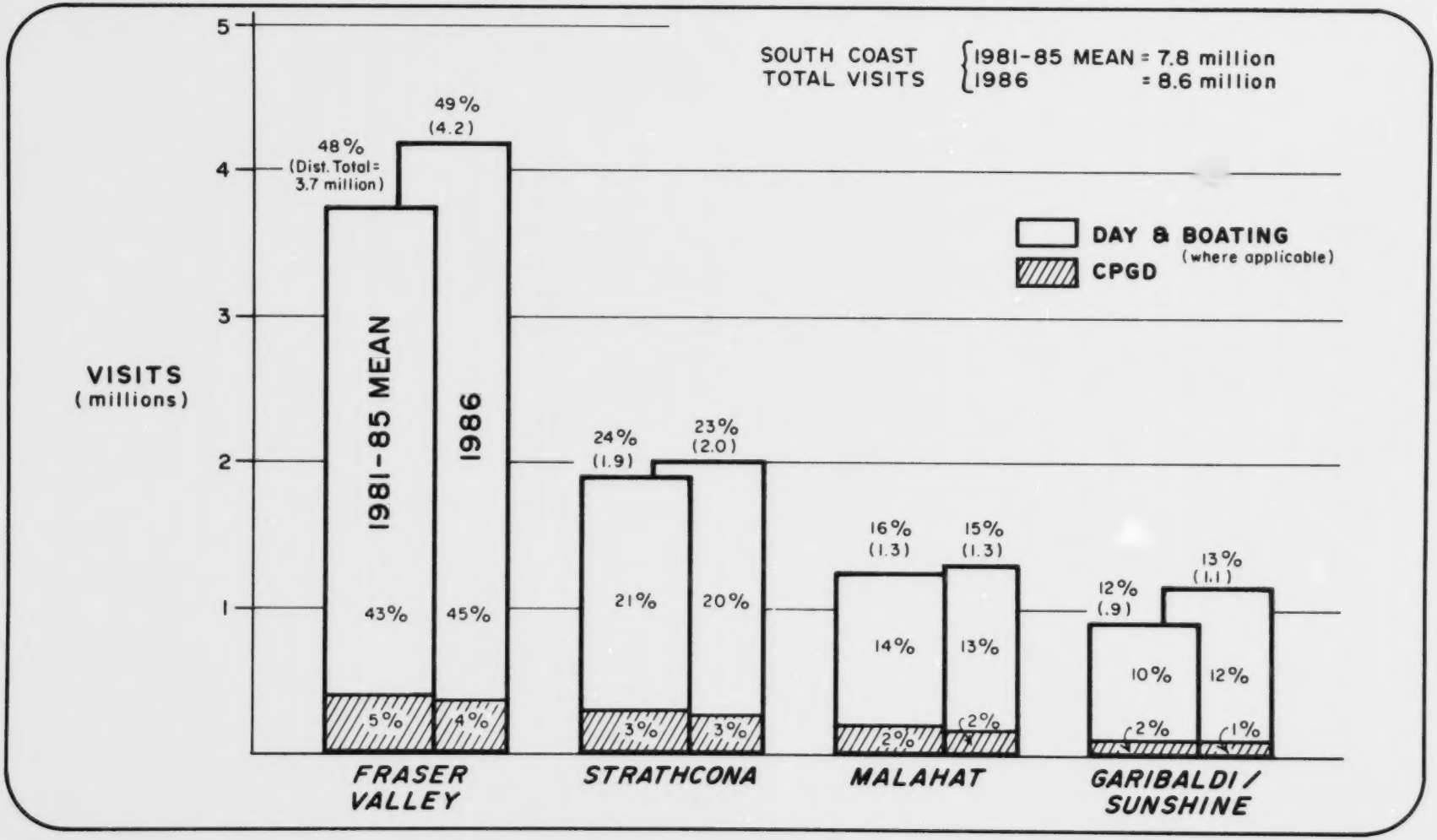
# DISTRIBUTION OF VISITS WITHIN REGIONS BY ATTENDANCE TYPE



## DISTRIBUTION OF VISITS WITHIN REGIONS BY DISTRICT

South Coast - Fraser Valley District recorded the largest percent of visits in the South Coast Region both for the 1981-85 mean and 1986 (48% and 49% respectively). Other district contributors in rank order are Strathcona, Malahat and Garibaldi/Sunshine Districts. Fraser Valley and Garibaldi/Sunshine Districts noted a 1% increase in their share of region visits comparing the 1981-85 mean to 1986, while Strathcona and Malahat Districts recorded a 1% decrease in their market share.

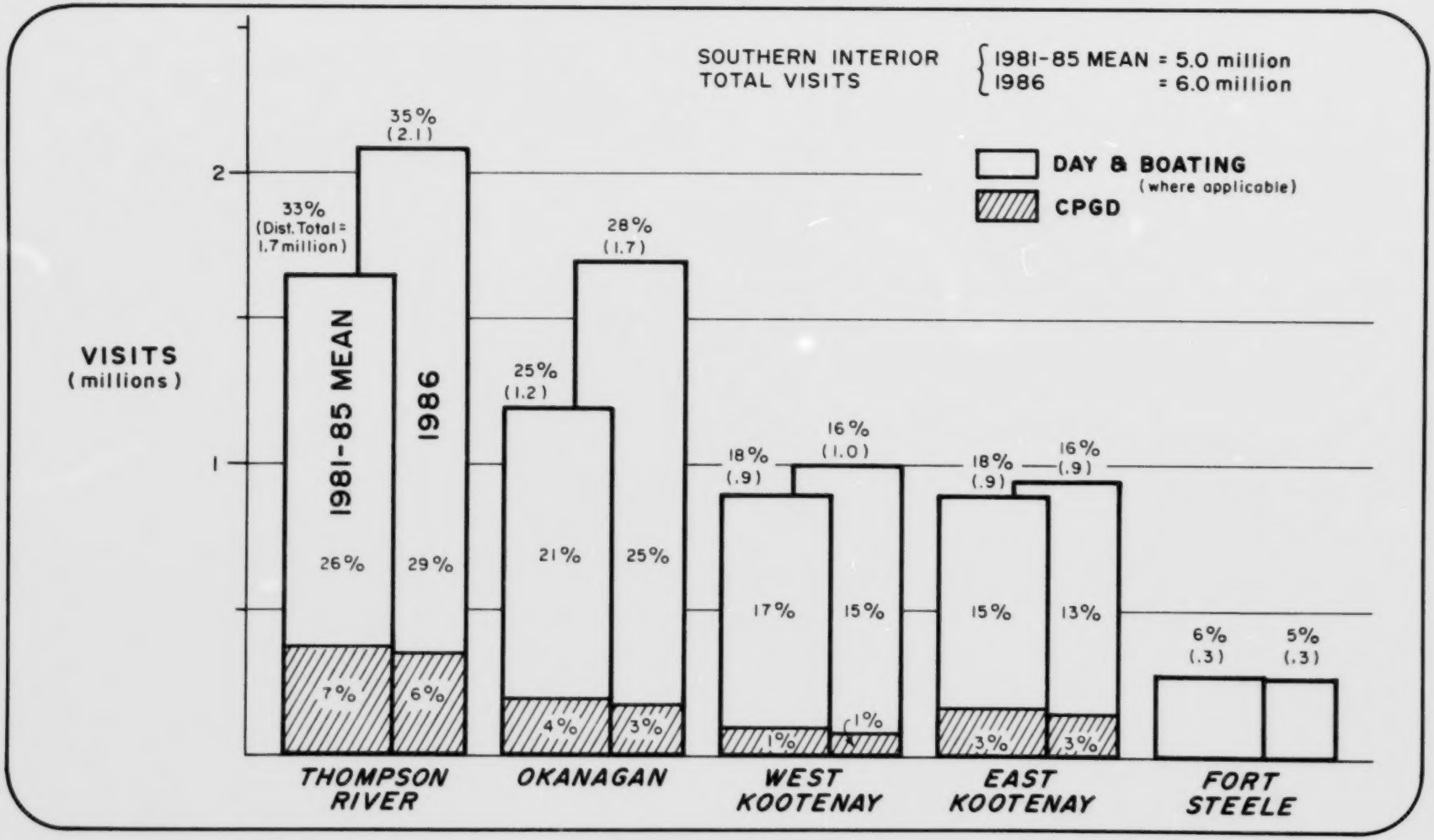
# DISTRIBUTION OF VISITS IN THE SOUTH COAST REGION BY DISTRICT



## DISTRIBUTION OF VISITS WITHIN REGIONS BY DISTRICT

Southern Interior - Thompson River District recorded the largest percent of visits in the Southern Interior Region for both the 1981-85 mean and 1986 (33% and 35% respectively). The Thompson River and Okanagan Districts have shown increases (2% and 3% respectively) in percent of total region visits. West Kootenay, East Kootenay and Fort Steele Districts exhibit a declining share of region visits, ranging from 1-2%.

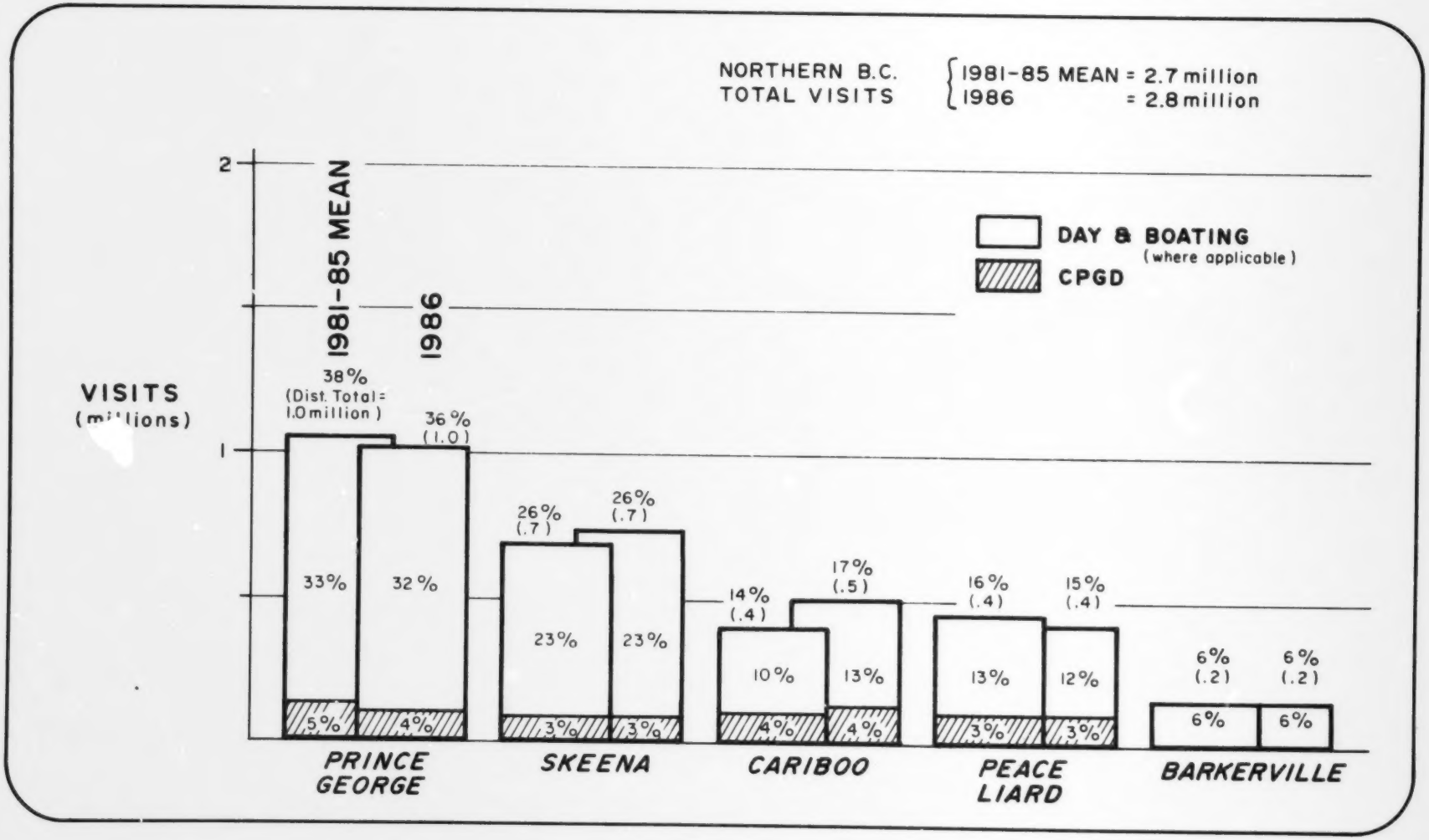
# DISTRIBUTION OF VISITS IN THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR REGION BY DISTRICT



## DISTRIBUTION OF VISITS WITHIN REGIONS BY DISTRICT

Northern B.C. - Prince George District recorded the largest percent of visits in the Northern B.C. Region for both the 1981-85 mean and 1986 (38% and 36% respectively). Only one district increased its market share of total region visits between the two study periods -- Cariboo District. Skeena and Barkerville Districts maintained their percent of total region visits at 26% and 6% respectively. Prince George and Peace Liard Districts have recorded a decline in their share of total region visits.

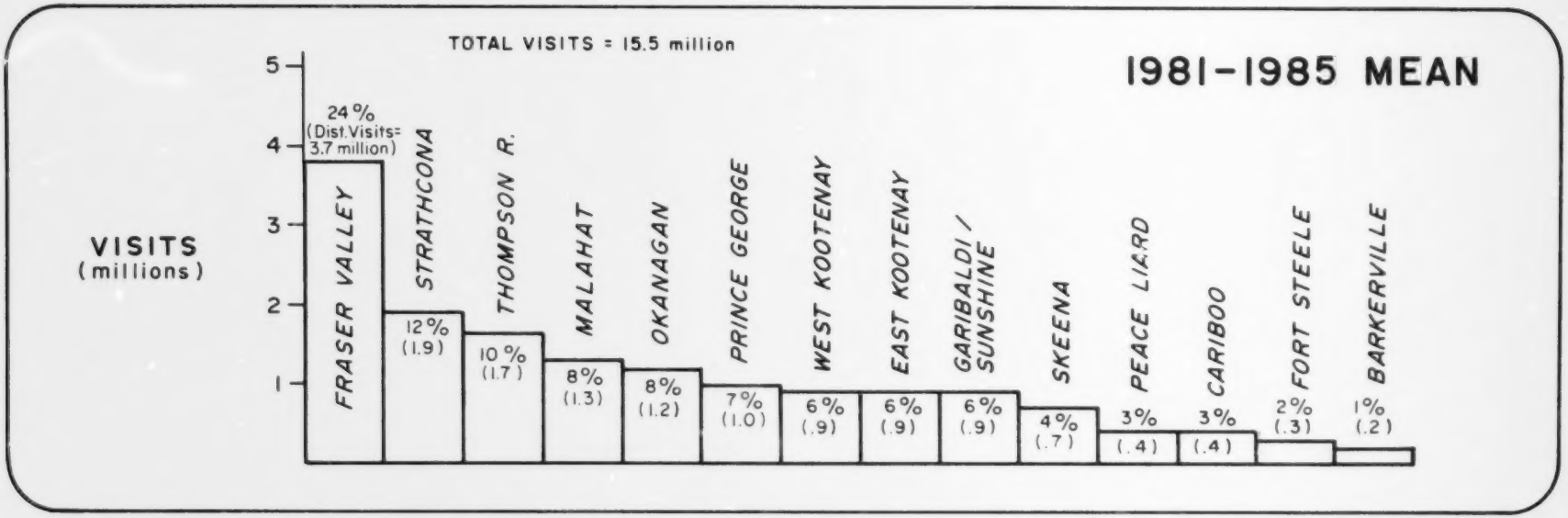
# DISTRIBUTION OF VISITS IN THE NORTHERN B. C. REGION BY DISTRICT

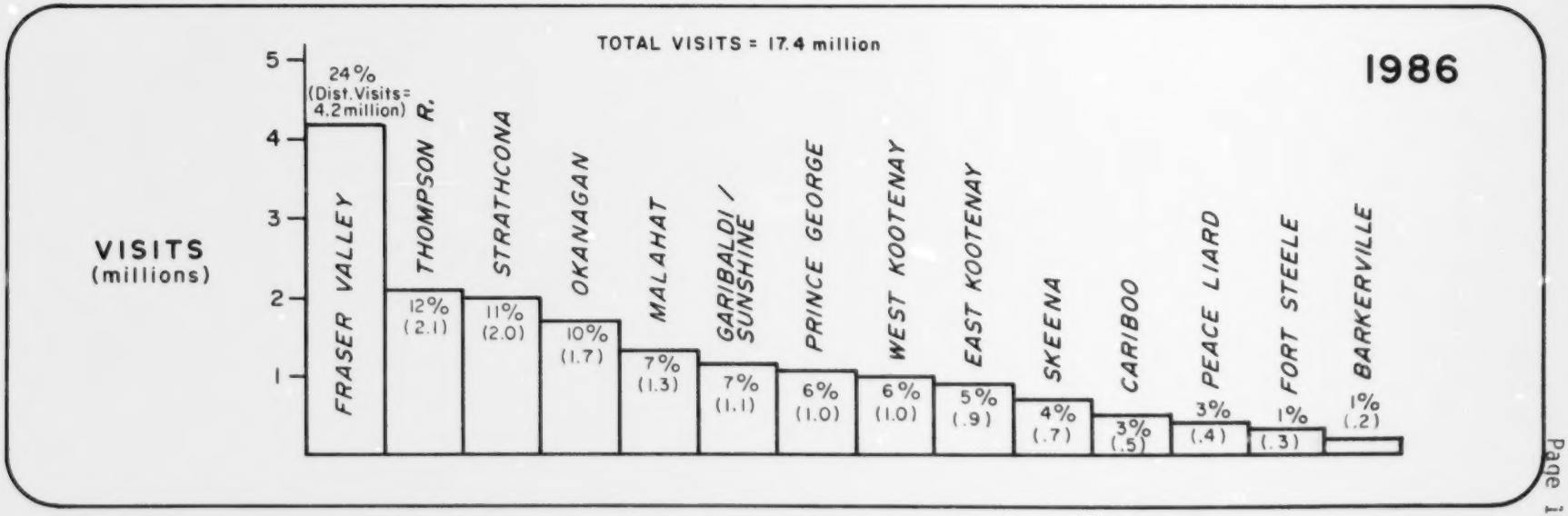


## DISTRIBUTION OF PARK VISITS BY DISTRICT

Fraser Valley District provided the largest district contribution to provincial park visits (24%) for both the 1981-85 mean and 1986. The next largest district contributor accounted for 12% of provincial visits for both periods. The four largest district contributors after the Fraser Valley District (Thompson River, Strathcona, Okanagan and Malahat Districts) have not changed from the 1981-85 mean to 1986, although there has been a slight change in rank position among these districts. In 1986, the percent contributions of these top five districts accounted for 64% of total provincial park use.

# DISTRIBUTION OF PARK VISITS BY DISTRICT



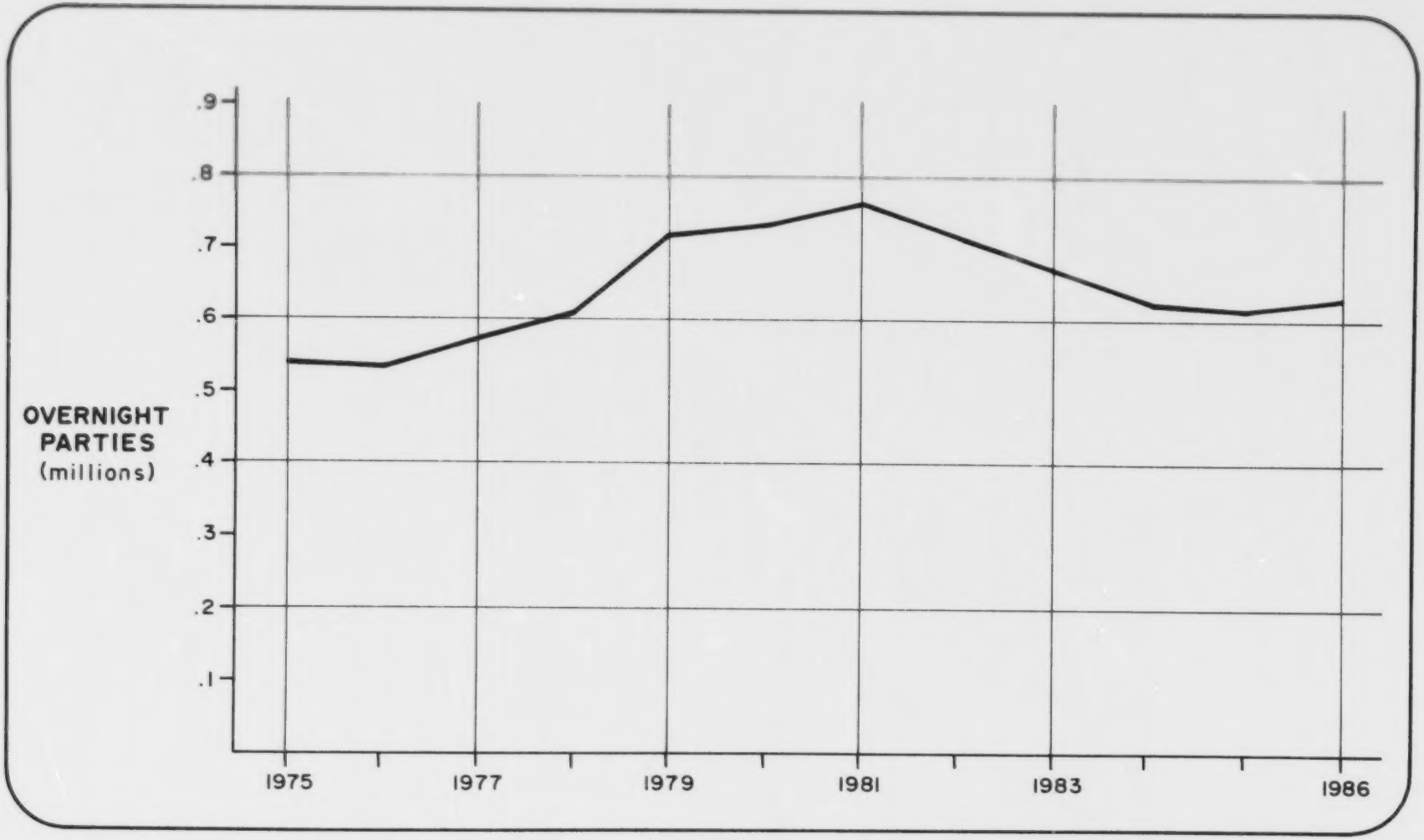



# CAMPGROUND USE TRENDS

## CAMPGROUND USE 1975 - 1986

Campground use exhibited a steady increase of 7% per annum from 1975-1981. In 1981 campground attendance peaked at 762,000 overnight parties. Between 1982 and 1985 campground use experienced a four year period of decline amounting to a 19% decrease, or a loss of 148,000 parties, comparing 1985 to 1981. In 1986 the first increase in campground attendance since 1981 was recorded. This increase was in the order of 3% over that recorded in 1985. The 1986 campground total of 634,000 parties was still 17% below the record year of 1981.

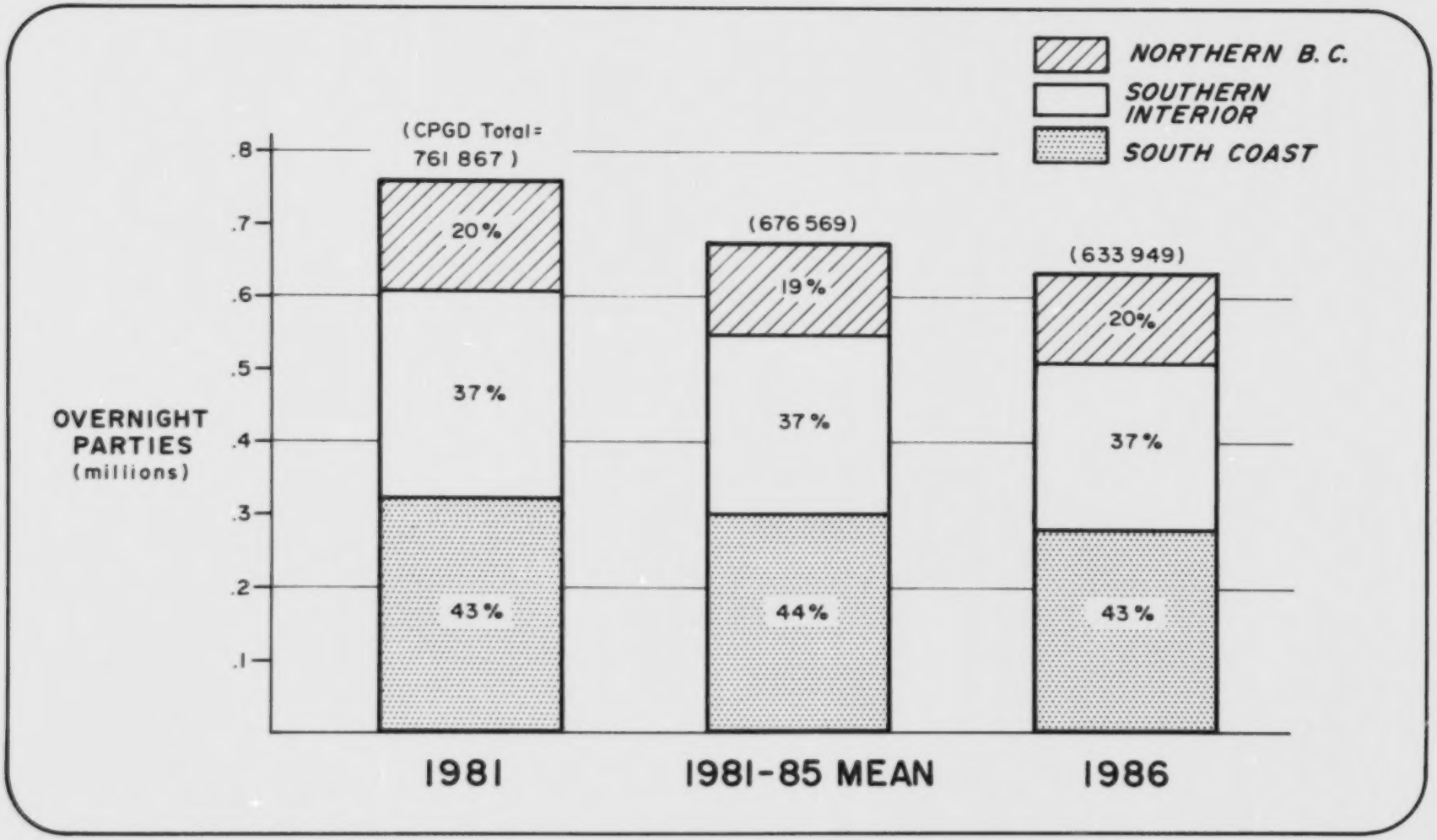
# CAMPGROUND USE 1975 - 1986



## DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPGROUND USE BY REGION

Although there has been a loss of approximately 128,000 overnight parties between 1981 and 1986 (762,000 and 634,000 respectively), the distribution of provincial campground use by region shows little change between 1981, 1981-85 mean and 1986, indicating that losses have been proportional to regional contributions.

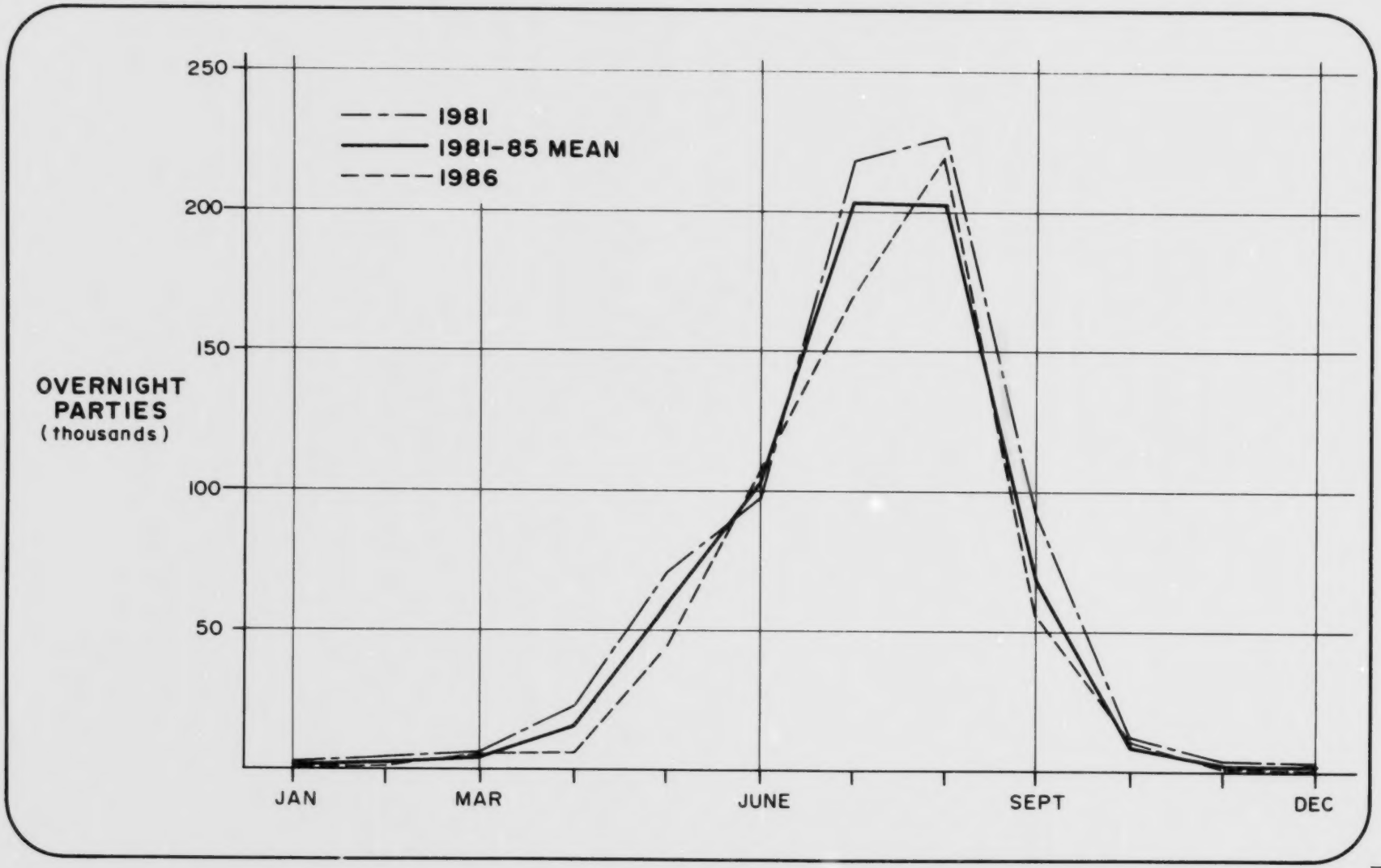
# DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPGROUND USE BY REGION



## SEASONAL VARIATION IN CAMPGROUND USE

A review of seasonal variation in campground use demonstrates where monthly declines have resulted in a declining campground use trend. Losses in the 1986 shoulder season (April, May and September) representing a loss of 74,000 overnight parties or a decline of 40% when compared to 1981, and a significant decrease in July attendance have greatly impacted on annual campground totals. July attendance in 1986 declined by 47,000 parties over that recorded in 1981, a decrease of 21%, and declined 31,000 parties or 15% compared to the 1981-85 mean.

# SEASONAL VARIATION IN CAMPGROUND USE

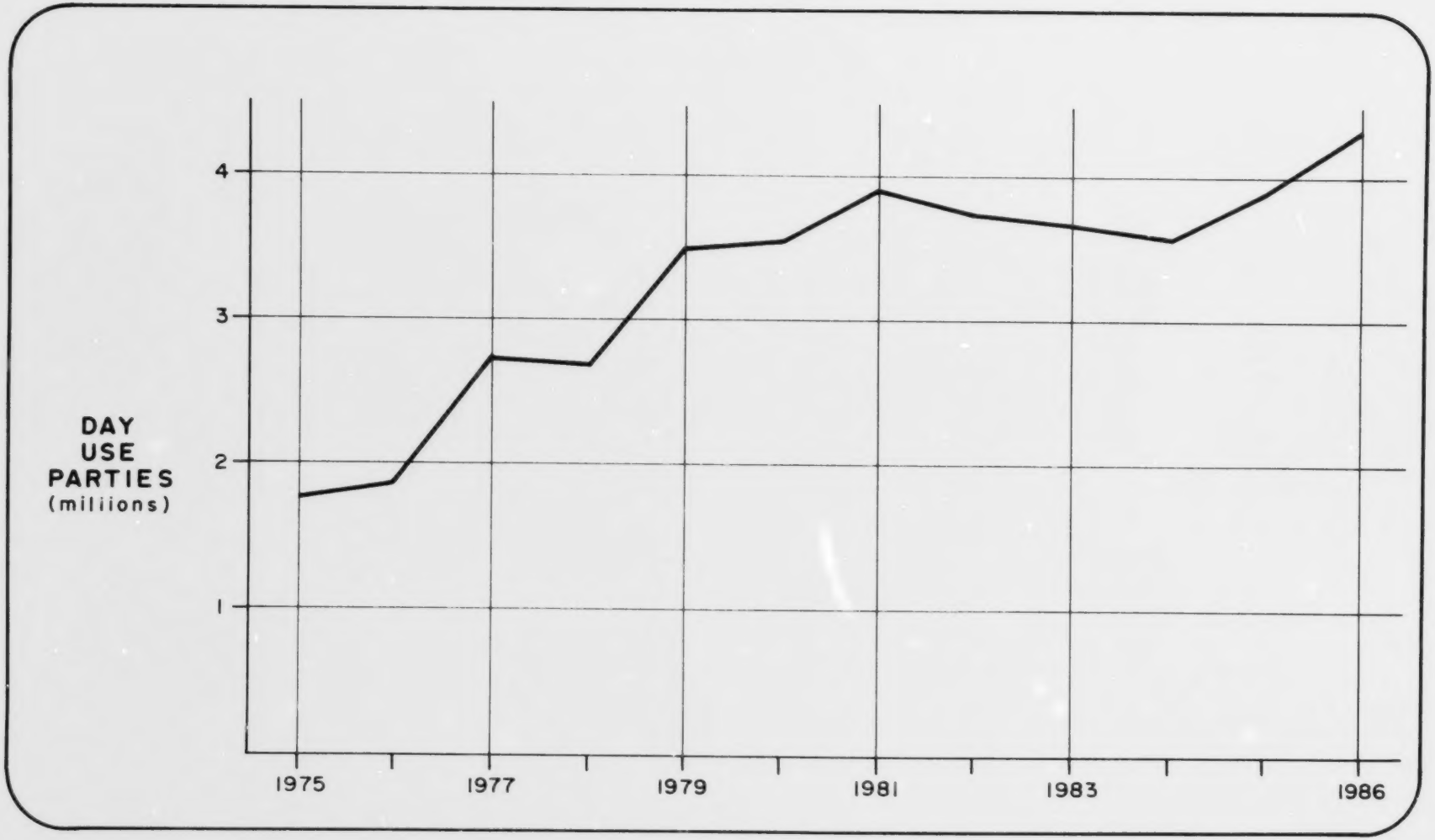


# DAY USE TRENDS

## DAY USE 1975 - 1986

Day use increased at an average annual rate of 20% between 1975 and 1981 from 1.8 to 3.9 million day use parties. The period 1982-1984 exhibited a declining trend with annual decreases of 4% (1982), 2% (1983) and 3% (1984). In 1985 an increase of 9% brought day use attendance back on par with the previous peak year of 1981. A further 12% increase in 1986 resulted in 4.3 million day use parties being recorded. This was the highest day use attendance ever reported.

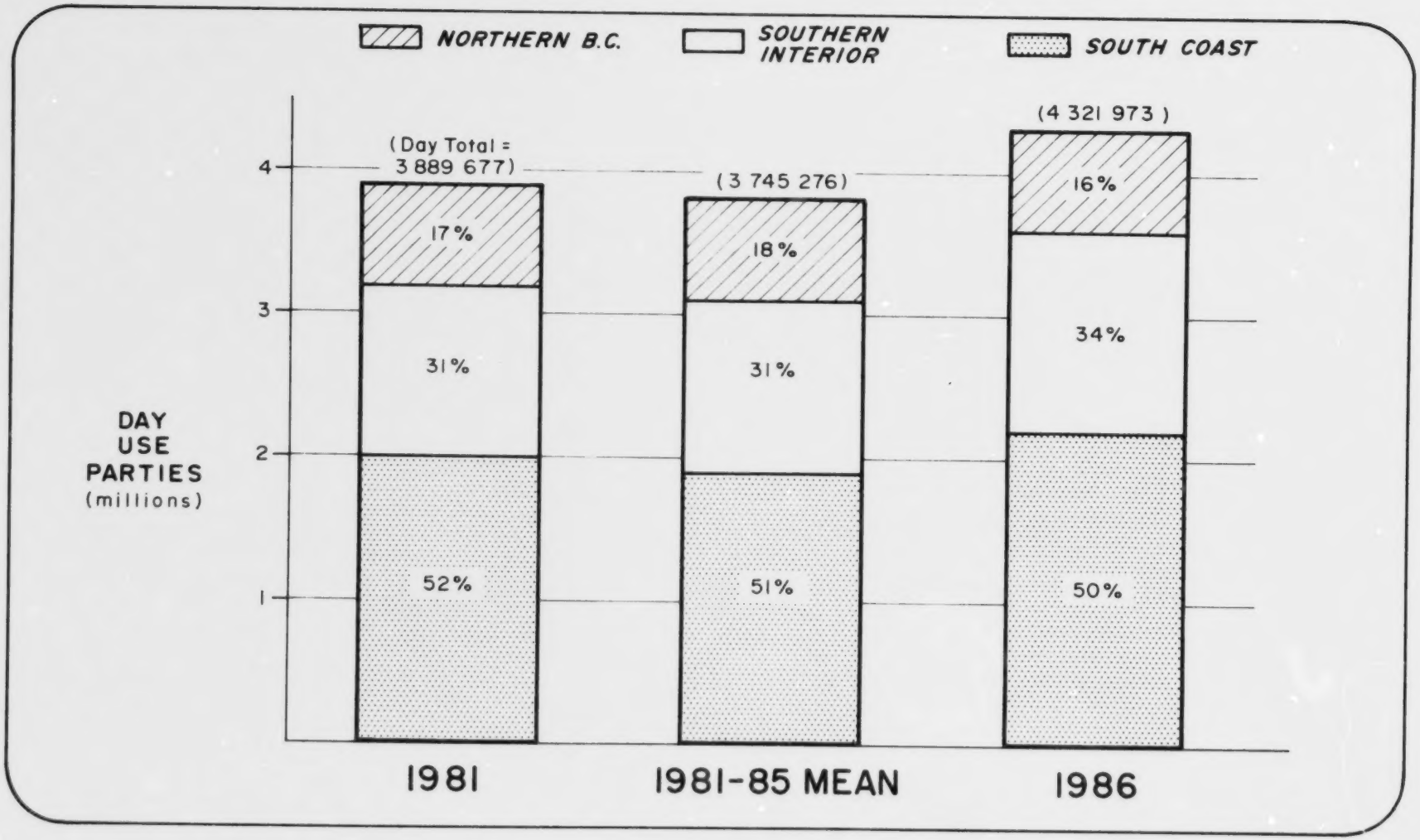
# DAY USE 1975 - 1986



## DISTRIBUTION OF DAY USE BY REGION

The distribution of provincial day use parties by region has seen declines in both the South Coast and Northern B.C. Regions comparing 1981 and 1986. These declines have been balanced by a corresponding increase in the percent of provincial day use accounted for by the Southern Interior Region (31 - 34%; 1981 compared to 1986).

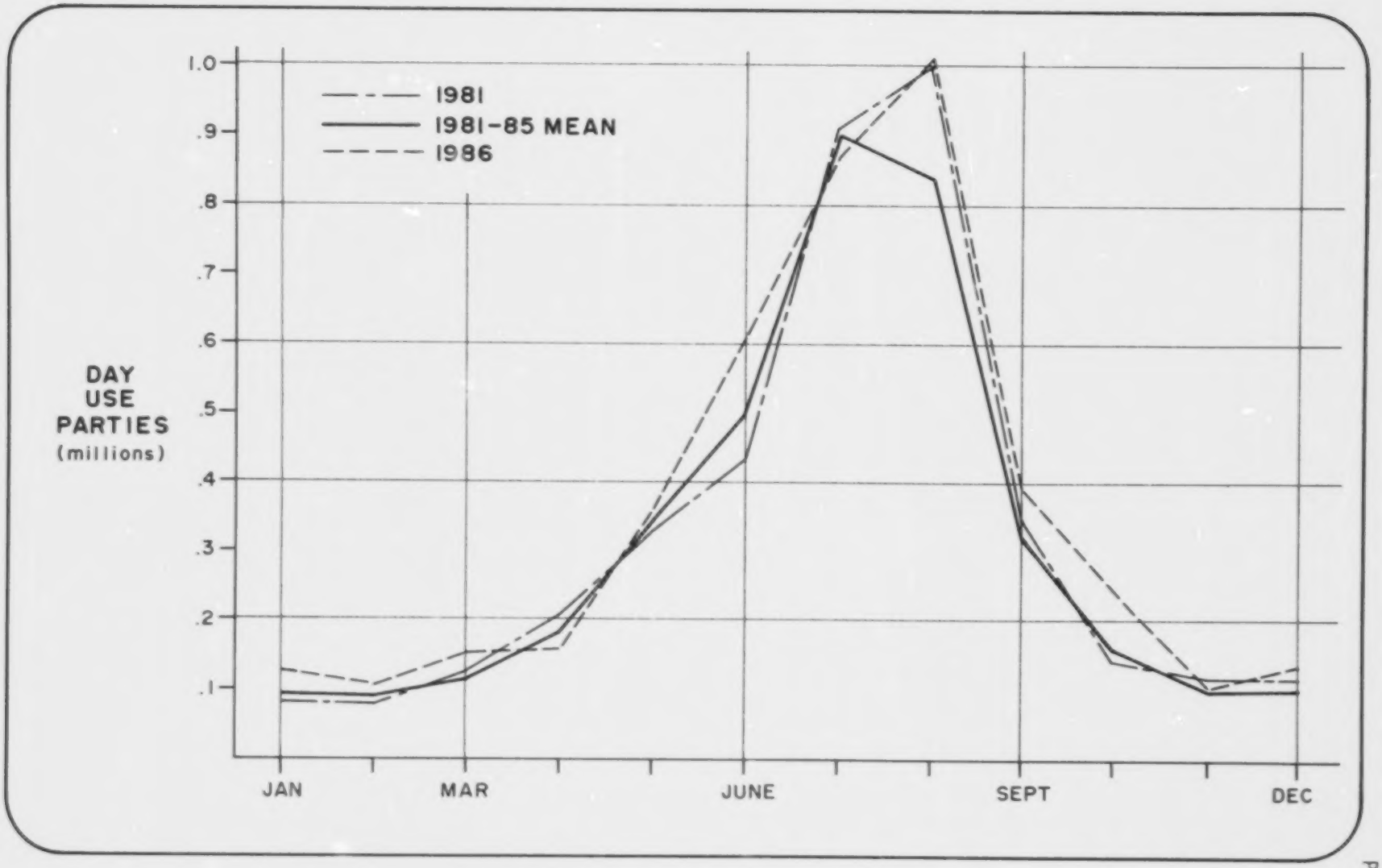
# DISTRIBUTION OF DAY USE BY REGION



## SEASONAL VARIATION IN DAY USE

A comparison of seasonal variation between 1981, 1981-85 mean and 1986 highlights where major monthly attendance changes have impacted annual day use totals. 1986 day use data exhibits increases in shoulder season use for January-March and September-December over that recorded in 1981 and for the 1981-85 mean. In addition, use recorded in June increased significantly (an additional 177,000 parties or an increase of 41% over 1981 and an increase of 23% or 112,000 additional parties compared to the 1981-85 mean) accounting for the major portion of the 1986 increase. All other months show a similar pattern of use comparing the two peak years of 1981 and 1986.

# SEASONAL VARIATION IN DAY USE

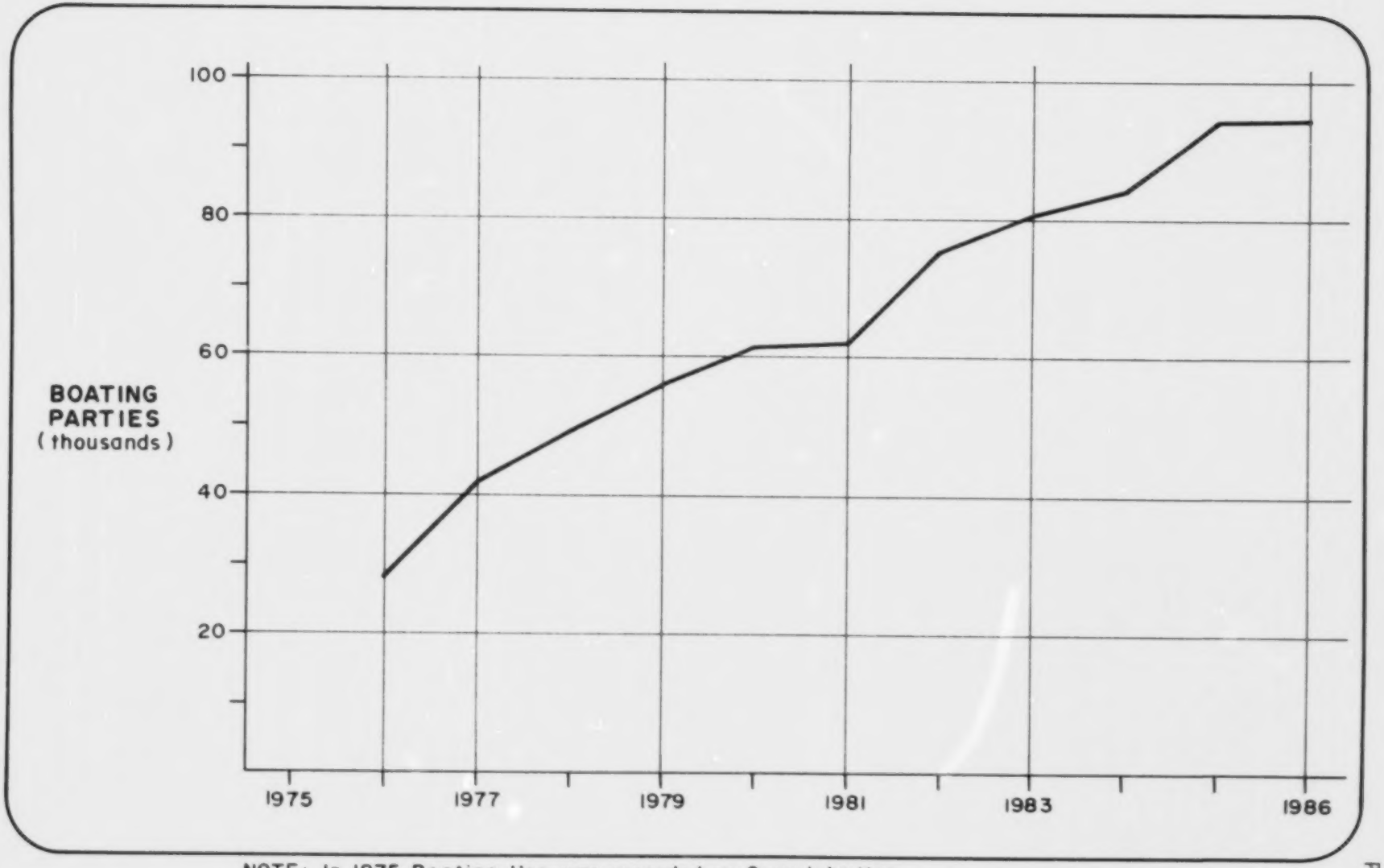


# BOATING USE TRENDS

## BOATING USE 1976 - 1986

Boating use has exhibited a trend of continued growth from 1976-1986. Growth has been at an average rate of 23% annually, from 28,000 (1976) to 95,000 (1986) boating parties. Please note boating use represents 2% of total provincial park use.

# BOATING USE 1976 - 1986

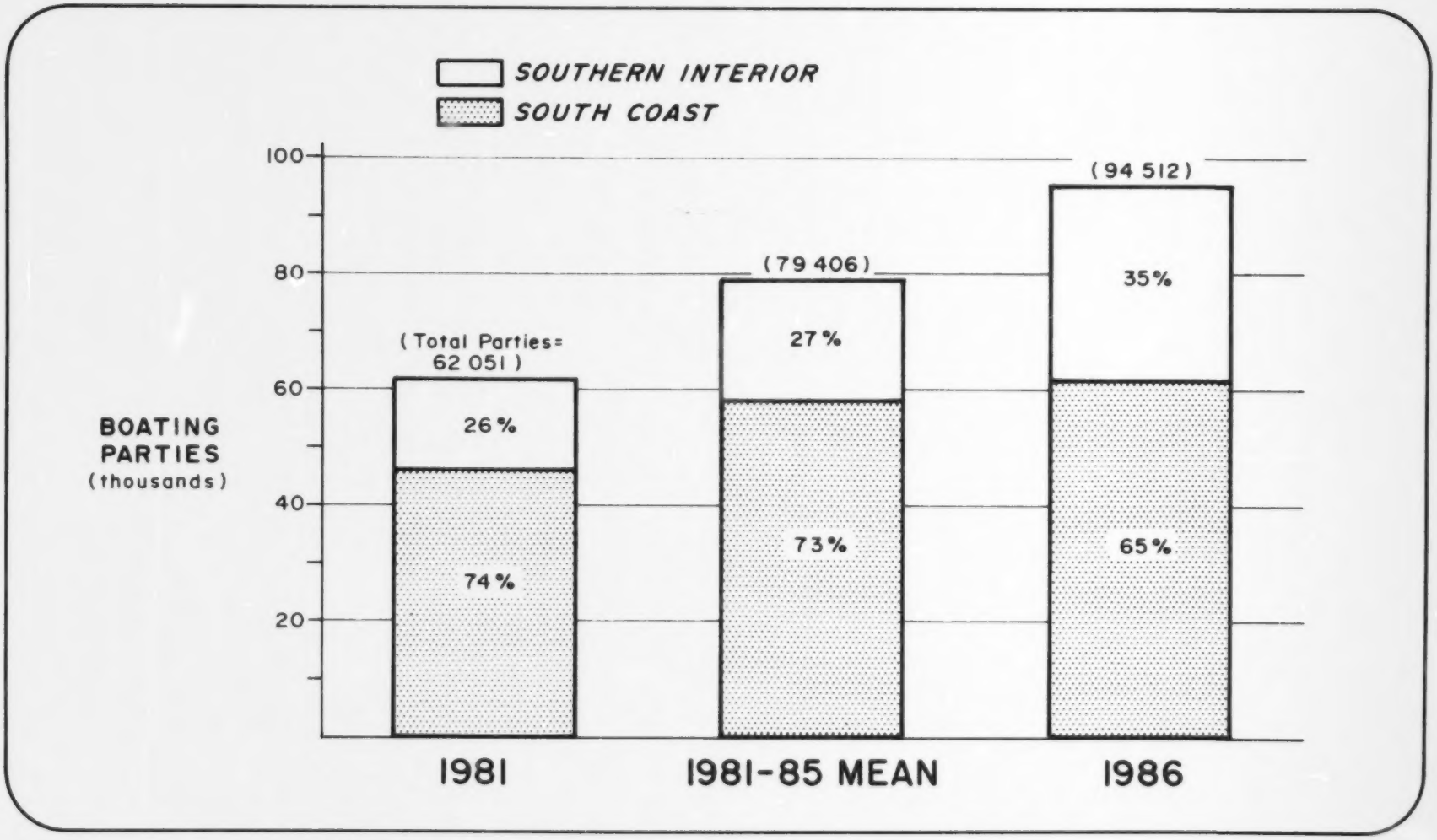



NOTE: In 1975 Boating Use was recorded as Overnight Use.

## BOATING USE BY REGION

Region distribution of provincial boating parties has changed significantly over the three study periods (1981, 1981-85 mean and 1986). The market share of provincial boating use in the Southern Interior Region has increased 9% (26-35%) from 1981-1986 while the South Coast Region has declined this amount.

# BOATING USE BY REGION

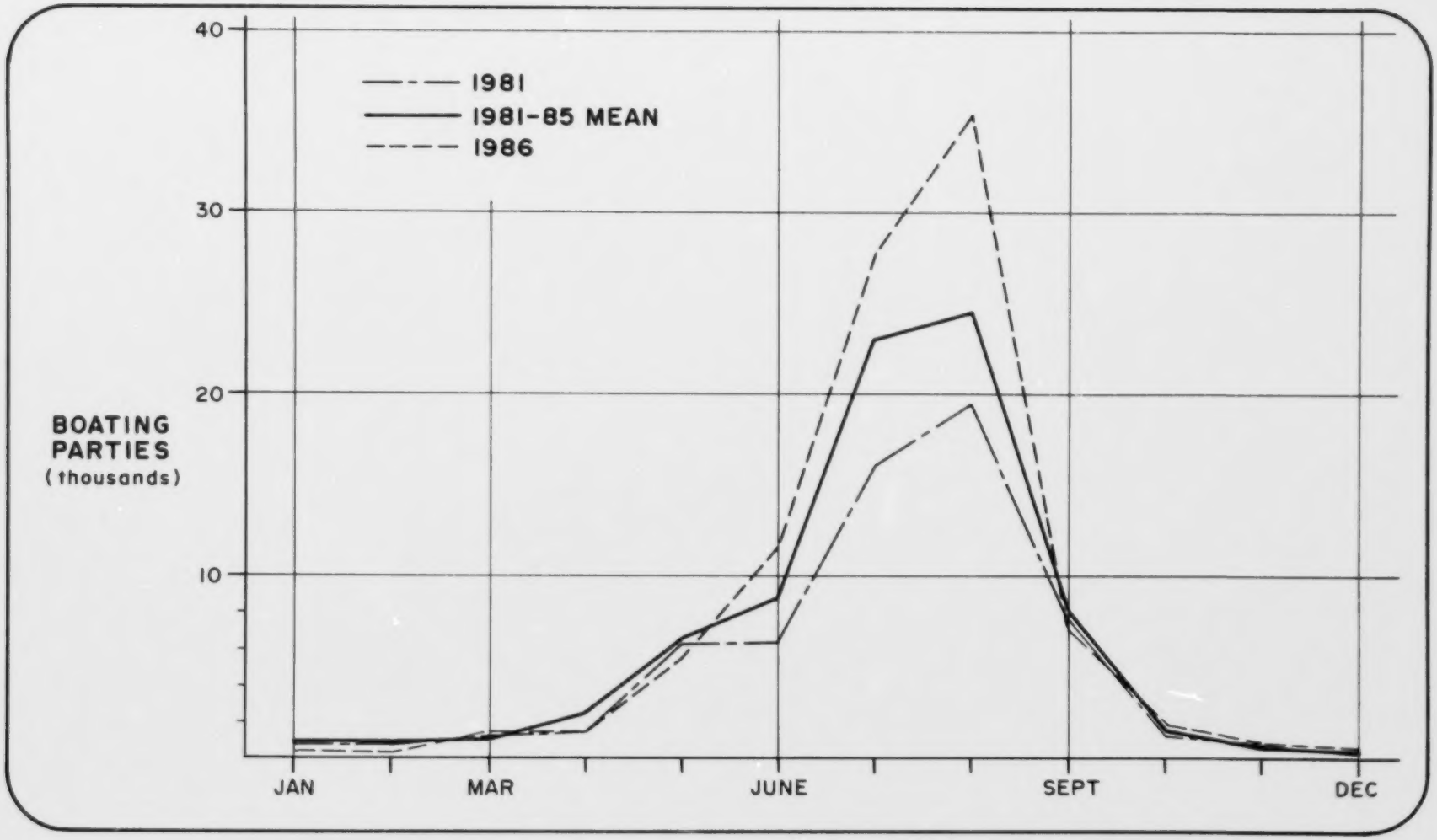



NOTE: Northern B.C. Region too small to show as %.

## SEASONAL VARIATION IN BOATING USE

An examination of seasonal variation in recorded boating parties clearly identifies where attendance gains have been recorded. Increases in boating attendance over the last 5 years have occurred primarily in the June-August period while boating attendance recorded in all other months has remained relatively stable.

# SEASONAL VARIATION IN BOATING USE



# APPENDIX

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

**VISIT** - one person visiting a park for any portion of a day or overnight.

**DAY/BOATING VISIT** - one person visiting a day use area of a park and staying for one day or a portion thereof or one person arriving at a coastal/inland park by boat for either day use or overnight use.

**CPGD (CAMPGROUND) VISIT** - one person staying in a park one night.

**PARTY** - a person, or group of persons, who arrives at a park, usually in one vehicle.

**OVERNIGHT PARTY** - one party staying in a park one night.

**DAY USE PARTY** - one party visiting a day use area of a park for one day or a portion thereof.

**BOATING PARTY** - one boat visiting a park for either day use or overnight use.

## FACTORS FOR CONVERTING PARTIES TO VISITS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **OVERNIGHT PARTIES** | x | 3.2 people/party | = | visitor nights (campground visits) |
| **DAY USE PARTIES** | x | 3.5 people/party | = | visitor days (day visits) |
| **BOATING PARTIES** | x | 3.2 people/party | = | boating visitors (boating visits) |

## PROVINCIAL PARK VISITS 1975 - 1986

| YEAR | CAMPGROUND VISITS | DAY USE VISITS | BOATING VISITS | TOTAL VISITS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1975 | 1,719,238 | 6,190,727 | * | 7,909,965 |
| 1976 | 1,714,077 | 6,507,183 | 90,678 | 8,311,938 |
| 1977 | 1,833,104 | 9,586,259 | 134,426 | 11,553,789 |
| 1978 | 1,953,574 | 9,482,543 | 156,899 | 11,593,016 |
| 1979 | 2,309,654 | 12,238,454 | 179,197 | 14,727,305 |
| 1980 | 2,342,736 | 12,373,652 | 196,752 | 14,913,140 |
| 1981 | 2,437,974 | 13,613,871 | 198,563 | 16,250,408 |
| 1982 | 2,288,711 | 13,042,078 | 241,190 | 15,571,980 |
| 1983 | 2,145,111 | 12,841,189 | 257,773 | 15,244,073 |
| 1984 | 1,989,475 | 12,488,974 | 268,656 | 14,747,105 |
| 1985 | 1,963,830 | 13,556,225 | 301,103 | 15,821,158 |
| 1986 | 2,028,637 | 15,126,906 | 302,438 | 17,457,981 |

* In 1975 Boating visits were not recorded separately

## PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF PARK VISITS 1975 - 1986
## BY ATTENDANCE TYPE

| YEAR | % CAMPGROUND VISITS | % DAY USE VISITS | % BOATING VISITS | TOTAL VISITS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1975 | 22 | 78 | * | 7,909,965 |
| 1976 | 21 | 78 | 1 | 8,311,938 |
| 1977 | 16 | 83 | 1 | 11,553,789 |
| 1978 | 17 | 82 | 1 | 11,593,016 |
| 1979 | 16 | 83 | 1 | 14,727,305 |
| 1980 | 16 | 83 | 1 | 14,913,140 |
| 1981 | 14 | 84 | 2 | 16,250,408 |
| 1982 | 15 | 84 | 1 | 15,571,980 |
| 1983 | 14 | 84 | 2 | 15,244,073 |
| 1984 | 13 | 85 | 2 | 14,747,105 |
| 1985 | 12 | 86 | 2 | 15,821,158 |
| 1986 | 11 | 87 | 2 | 17,457,981 |

## PROVINCIAL PARK VISITS 1981 - 1986 BY DISTRICT AND REGION

| | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strathcona District | 2,097,665 | 1,972,560 | 1,987,295 | 1,690,523 | 1,905,091 | 1,994,289 |
| Malahat District | 1,329,437 | 1,397,485 | 1,139,626 | 1,261,291 | 1,203,026 | 1,292,410 |
| Garibaldi/Sunshine District | 659,743 | 776,603 | 885,747 | 978,940 | 1,130,842 | 1,163,730 |
| Fraser Valley District | 4,139,492 | 4,088,329 | 3,748,935 | 3,236,744 | 3,509,821 | 4,187,400 |
| **SOUTH COAST REGION** | **8,226,337** | **8,234,977** | **7,761,603** | **7,167,498** | **7,748,780** | **8,637,829** |
| Thompson River District | 1,809,772 | 1,501,226 | 1,464,635 | 1,631,985 | 1,764,832 | 2,074,167 |
| Okanagan District | 1,364,738 | 1,212,897 | 1,089,427 | 1,150,502 | 1,289,683 | 1,676,479 |
| West Kootenay District | 1,041,844 | 891,155 | 854,511 | 865,572 | 941,904 | 1,003,222 |
| East Kootenay District | 721,274 | 943,537 | 959,775 | 941,386 | 980,969 | 943,255 |
| Fort Steele Historic Park | 303,741 | 275,285 | 282,580 | 271,726 | 256,109 | 271,653 |
| **SOUTHERN INTERIOR REGION** | **5,241,369** | **4,824,100** | **4,650,928** | **4,861,171** | **5,233,497** | **5,968,776** |
| Peace Liard District | 280,175 | 487,398 | 482,787 | 407,280 | 545,953 | 424,068 |
| Prince George District | 1,464,122 | 938,363 | 973,823 | 922,294 | 968,671 | 1,036,902 |
| Skeena District | 499,207 | 608,139 | 820,840 | 804,791 | 743,635 | 736,424 |
| Cariboo District | 347,373 | 376,887 | 390,957 | 427,138 | 430,265 | 497,829 |
| Barkerville Historic Park | 191,825 | 102,116 | 163,135 | 156,933 | 150,357 | 156,153 |
| **NORTHERN B.C. REGION** | **2,782,702** | **2,512,903** | **2,831,542** | **2,718,436** | **2,838,881** | **2,851,376** |
| **PROVINCE** | **16,250,408** | **15,571,980** | **15,244,073** | **14,747,105** | **15,821,158** | **17,457,981** |

## CAMPGROUND VISITS 1981 - 1986 BY DISTRICT AND REGION

| | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strathcona District | 302,490 | 294,144 | 272,956 | 235,856 | 237,350 | 247,155 |
| Malahat District | 195,302 | 209,671 | 195,245 | 157,450 | 160,752 | 162,762 |
| Garibaldi/Sunshine District | 123,344 | 127,558 | 117,562 | 119,955 | 133,834 | 128,198 |
| Fraser Valley District | 415,219 | 391,325 | 353,472 | 339,529 | 342,224 | 339,885 |
| **SOUTH COAST REGION** | **1,036,355** | **1,022,698** | **939,235** | **852,790** | **874,160** | **878,000** |
| Thompson River District | 438,307 | 384,871 | 344,938 | 345,159 | 340,131 | 344,106 |
| Okanagan District | 198,595 | 204,486 | 211,859 | 201,213 | 181,270 | 184,502 |
| West Kootenay District | 99,879 | 97,574 | 78,279 | 85,398 | 69,962 | 79,885 |
| East Kootenay District | 174,787 | 160,685 | 163,766 | 153,763 | 131,165 | 147,894 |
| Fort Steele Historic Park | | | | | | |
| **SOUTHERN INTERIOR REGION** | **911,568** | **847,616** | **798,842** | **785,533** | **722,528** | **756,387** |
| Peace Liard District | 101,056 | 88,797 | 90,493 | 72,186 | 85,552 | 88,352 |
| Prince George District | 151,353 | 129,856 | 126,288 | 112,240 | 114,825 | 102,682 |
| Skeena District | 80,778 | 86,435 | 75,418 | 67,702 | 72,752 | 77,350 |
| Cariboo District | 156,864 | 113,309 | 114,835 | 99,024 | 94,013 | 125,866 |
| Barkerville Historic Park | | | | | | |
| **NORTHERN B.C. REGION** | **490,051** | **418,397** | **407,034** | **351,152** | **367,142** | **394,250** |
| **PROVINCE** | **2,437,974** | **2,288,711** | **2,145,111** | **1,989,475** | **1,963,830** | **2,028,637** |

## DAY USE VISITS 1981 - 1986 BY DISTRICT AND REGION

| | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strathcona District | 1,755,460 | 1,611,005 | 1,653,837 | 1,398,712 | 1,604,064 | 1,674,641 |
| Malahat District | 1,060,241 | 1,099,756 | 863,363 | 1,033,172 | 963,669 | 1,051,033 |
| Garibaldi/Sunshine District | 503,906 | 621,320 | 711,564 | 784,742 | 948,826 | 990,038 |
| Fraser Valley District | 3,724,273 | 3,697,004 | 3,395,028 | 2,894,994 | 3,165,431 | 3,847,515 |
| **SOUTH COAST REGION** | **7,043,880** | **7,029,085** | **6,623,792** | **6,111,620** | **6,681,990** | **7,563,227** |
| Thompson River District | 1,327,382 | 1,063,475 | 1,068,571 | 1,226,256 | 1,350,016 | 1,666,378 |
| Okanagan District | 1,161,919 | 1,005,781 | 873,894 | 946,291 | 1,104,964 | 1,475,180 |
| West Kootenay District | 937,811 | 791,683 | 773,685 | 779,377 | 842,793 | 899,101 |
| East Kootenay District | 546,487 | 782,852 | 796,009 | 787,623 | 849,804 | 795,361 |
| Fort Steele Historic Park | 303,741 | 275,285 | 282,580 | 271,726 | 256,109 | 271,653 |
| **SOUTHERN INTERIOR REGION** | **4,277,340** | **3,919,076** | **3,794,739** | **4,011,273** | **4,403,686** | **5,107,673** |
| Peace Liard District | 179,119 | 398,601 | 392,294 | 335,094 | 460,401 | 335,716 |
| Prince George District | 1,312,769 | 808,507 | 847,535 | 810,054 | 853,846 | 934,220 |
| Skeena District | 418,429 | 521,115 | 743,572 | 735,886 | 669,693 | 657,954 |
| Cariboo District | 190,509 | 263,578 | 276,122 | 328,114 | 336,252 | 371,963 |
| Barkerville Historic Park | 191,825 | 102,116 | 163,135 | 156,933 | 150,357 | 156,153 |
| **NORTHERN B.C. REGION** | **2,292,651** | **2,093,917** | **2,422,658** | **2,366,081** | **2,470,549** | **2,456,006** |
| **PROVINCE** | **13,613,871** | **13,042,078** | **12,841,189** | **12,488,974** | **13,556,225** | **15,126,906** |

## BOATING VISITS 1981 - 1986 BY DISTRICT AND REGION

| | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strathcona District | 39,715 | 67,411 | 60,502 | 55,955 | 63,677 | 72,493 |
| Malahat District | 73,894 | 88,058 | 81,018 | 70,669 | 78,605 | 78,615 |
| Garibaldi/Sunshine District | 32,493 | 27,725 | 56,621 | 74,243 | 48,182 | 45,494 |
| Fraser Valley District | | | 435 | 2,221 | 2,166 | |
| **SOUTH COAST REGION** | **146,102** | **183,194** | **198,576** | **203,088** | **192,630** | **196,602** |
| Thompson River District | 44,083 | 52,880 | 51,126 | 60,570 | 74,685 | 63,683 |
| Okanagan District | 4,224 | 2,630 | 3,674 | 2,998 | 3,449 | 16,797 |
| West Kootenay District | 4,154 | 1,898 | 2,547 | 797 | 29,149 | 24,236 |
| East Kootenay District | | | | | | |
| Fort Steele Historic Park | | | | | | |
| **SOUTHERN INTERIOR REGION** | **52,461** | **57,408** | **57,347** | **64,365** | **107,283** | **104,716** |
| Peace Liard District | | | | | | |
| Prince George District | | | | | | |
| Skeena District | | 589 | 1,850 | 1,203 | 1,190 | 1,120 |
| Cariboo District | | | | | | |
| Barkerville Historic Park | | | | | | |
| **NORTHERN B.C. REGION** | | **589** | **1,850** | **1,203** | **1,190** | **1,120** |
| **PROVINCE** | **198,563** | **241,191** | **257,773** | **268,656** | **301,103** | **302,438** |

## PROVINCIAL PARK USE (IN PARTIES) 1975 - 1986

| YEAR | CAMPGROUND PARTIES | DAY USE PARTIES | BOATING PARTIES | TOTAL PARTIES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1975 | 537,262 | 1,768,779 | * | 2,306,041 |
| 1976 | 535,649 | 1,859,195 | 28,337 | 2,423,181 |
| 1977 | 572,845 | 2,738,931 | 42,008 | 3,353,784 |
| 1978 | 610,492 | 2,709,298 | 49,031 | 3,368,821 |
| 1979 | 721,767 | 3,496,701 | 55,999 | 4,274,467 |
| 1980 | 732,105 | 3,535,329 | 61,485 | 4,328,919 |
| 1981 | 761,867 | 3,889,677 | 62,051 | 4,713,595 |
| 1982 | 715,222 | 3,726,308 | 75,372 | 4,516,902 |
| 1983 | 670,347 | 3,668,911 | 80,554 | 4,419,812 |
| 1984 | 621,711 | 3,568,278 | 83,955 | 4,273,944 |
| 1985 | 613,697 | 3,873,207 | 94,095 | 4,580,999 |
| 1986 | 633,949 | 4,321,973 | 94,512 | 5,050,434 |

* In 1975 Boating parties were not recorded separately

## SEASONAL VARIATION IN CAMPGROUND PARTIES

| MONTH | 1981 | 1981 - 85 MEAN | 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|
| January | 2,915 | 1,792 | 932 |
| February | 3,866 | 2,496 | 1,553 |
| March | 7,469 | 5,952 | 6,929 |
| April | 24,726 | 16,615 | 8,209 |
| May | 70,264 | 59,149 | 46,066 |
| June | 97,202 | 101,910 | 106,939 |
| July | 218,925 | 203,020 | 172,399 |
| August | 226,958 | 202,579 | 219,909 |
| September | 90,151 | 68,071 | 57,011 |
| October | 13,301 | 10,463 | 11,668 |
| November | 3,232 | 1,612 | 1,426 |
| December | 2,858 | 1,637 | 908 |
| TOTAL | 761,867 | 675,296 | 633,949 |

## SEASONAL VARIATION IN DAY USE PARTIES

| MONTH | 1981 | 1981 - 85 MEAN | 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|
| January | 80,250 | 93,183 | 128,904 |
| February | 79,734 | 88,722 | 105,518 |
| March | 123,020 | 118,640 | 153,603 |
| April | 205,068 | 183,944 | 161,246 |
| May | 326,993 | 343,952 | 354,598 |
| June | 434,689 | 498,807 | 611,251 |
| July | 911,799 | 900,287 | 869,261 |
| August | 999,964 | 838,103 | 1,054,569 |
| September | 345,875 | 320,882 | 390,521 |
| October | 141,300 | 157,621 | 248,822 |
| November | 120,397 | 100,241 | 107,758 |
| December | 120,588 | 100,924 | 135,922 |
| TOTAL | 3,889,677 | 3,745,306 | 4,321,973 |

## SEASONAL VARIATION IN BOATING PARTIES

| MONTH | 1981 | 1981 - 85 MEAN | 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|
| January | 850 | 890 | 549 |
| February | 759 | 900 | 324 |
| March | 1,201 | 1,156 | 1,226 |
| April | 1,405 | 2,491 | 1,406 |
| May | 6,242 | 6,640 | 5,624 |
| June | 6,408 | 8,927 | 11,915 |
| July | 16,042 | 23,154 | 27,671 |
| August | 19,444 | 24,420 | 35,422 |
| September | 7,500 | 7,972 | 7,202 |
| October | 1,189 | 1,598 | 1,843 |
| November | 705 | 685 | 780 |
| December | 306 | 373 | 550 |
| TOTAL | 62,051 | 79,206 | 94,512 |

## PROVINCIAL PARK VISITS 1981 - 85 MEAN BY DISTRICT AND REGION

| | CAMPGROUND VISITS | DAY/BOATING VISITS | TOTAL VISITS |
|---|---|---|---|
| Strathcona District | 268,559 | 1,662,068 | 1,930,627 |
| Malahat District | 183,684 | 1,082,489 | 1,266,173 |
| Garibaldi/Sunshine District | 124,451 | 761,924 | 886,375 |
| Fraser Valley District | 368,354 | 3,376,310 | 3,744,664 |
| **SOUTH COAST REGION** | **945,048** | **6,882,791** | **7,827,839** |
| Thompson River District | 370,681 | 1,263,809 | 1,634,490 |
| Okanagan District | 199,485 | 1,021,965 | 1,221,450 |
| West Kootenay District | 86,218 | 832,779 | 918,997 |
| East Kootenay District | 156,833 | 752,555 | 909,388 |
| Fort Steele Historic Park | | 277,888 | 277,888 |
| **SOUTHERN INTERIOR REGION** | **813,217** | **4,148,996** | **4,962,213** |
| Peace Liard District | 87,617 | 353,102 | 440,719 |
| Prince George District | 126,912 | 926,542 | 1,053,454 |
| Skeena District | 76,617 | 618,705 | 695,322 |
| Cariboo District | 115,609 | 278,915 | 394,524 |
| Barkerville Historic Park | | 152,873 | 152,873 |
| **NORTHERN B.C. REGION** | **406,755** | **2,330,137** | **2,736,892** |
| **PROVINCE** | **2,165,020** | **13,361,924** | **15,526,944** |